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TO: []
FROM: Chief, Foreign Division
SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational
SPECIFIC: Islamic People's Congress

1. VLAIVA has requested us to forward the following to you:

- "1. VLAIVA will appreciate your comment with regard to certain information, as outlined in paragraph two below, which has reached us, with respect to the proposed holding in Damascus next spring of an Islamic People's Congress.
- "2. We hear from London that General Haidar, who heads the Muslim League in Palestine, allegedly has asked Hajj Amin Husayni, former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, to assist in the organization of such a conference and to act as president thereof. It is further alleged that the Mufti's nephew Hajj Hassan has interested himself in lining up support for such a conference, the object of which would be to create an Arab People's League which would oppose the Arab League, which latter he considers too subservient to the Western powers. There is also vague talk of a move to sound out the Russians as to whether they would assist such a league if the Mufti succeeds with his plan.
- "3. Since this report, if true, injects a new element into the original concept of the Islamic People's Congress as described to us in earlier reports from Karachi, it will be appreciated if you will let us have your opinion as to the probable accuracy of the report.
- "4. Similar comment is being requested from our contact in Karachi."

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